these units has recently been introduced with a view to reducing excess manpower and thereby bringing down the fixed costs.

(v) These companies have been given some assistance in the shape of Plan/ Non-Plan funds, as per the allocations allowed, and the Government has also given guarantees, which now need to be enhanced, to their Bankers on account of cash credit facilities for working capital requirements.

(vi) These companies have referred their cases to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in compliance with the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The Industrial Tripartite Committee set up by the Ministry of Labour is also seized of causes of sickness and the measures necessary for rehabilitation of the sick units. The Rehabilitation of these units would depend on the availability of funds and on the deliberations of the Industrial Tripartite Committee and examination by the BIFR.

BICP report on fair price of bulk drugs

*333. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs in respect of which BICP have sent their reports of the fairs prices during the year 1991 and 1992 so far;

(b) when was each report received and what was the decision taken on each of the reports;

(c) what was the price recommended by BICP and what was the price of each drug notified by Government;

(d) what are the names of bulk drugs in respect of which the price is yet to be announced and what are the reasons for keeping BICP reports pending; and

(e) what are the names of bulk drugs in respect of which requests for escalation in price consequent to obtain foreign exchange at market rate are pending and since when each of these request are kept pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The names of bulk drugs in respect of which BICP has sent their reports of the fair price during the year 1991 and 1992 so far, with the month of report and date of price revision/fixation by the Government are given in the Statement. (*See* below). The BICP reports are inputs for the decision making process nature.

(d) The prices of bulk drugs Diclofenac Sodium, Silver Sulphaidiazine and Dexamethasone are yet to be fixed/revised. The reports for Diclofenac Sodium and Silver Sulphadiazine are under examination and the report of Dexamethasone has been revised recently.

(e) Price revision of bulk drugs to escalation in input costs (including due to imports being linked to market determined exchange rate) is an on going process. To the extent information is available, corrective action only in regard to bulk drug Rifampicin is still pending, however, the matter is at an advanced stage of examination.

Statement

Names of Bulk drugs in respect of which BICP have sent their reports during 1991 and 1992, so far

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Month of receipt of BICP report	Date of fixation/ revision of price
1	Ethambutol	January, 1991	7-3-91
2	Dextropropoxyphene	March, 1991	16-5-91
3	Silver Sulphadiazine	Sept., 1991	Matter under scrutiny
4	Diclofenac Sodium	Sept., 1991	Do.
5	Trimethoprim	Aug., 1991	1-11-91
6	Rifampicin	Feb., 1992	BICP recommended status quo
7	Vitamin 'C' and its Salts	June, 1992	29-6-92
8	Dexamethasone and its Salts	July, 1992	Being examined

Expenditure incurred by Coal India Limited on machines and equipments

*334. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited is incurring wasteful expenditure on the maintenance of machines and equipments on contract basis;

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred by CIL on maintenance jobs during the past three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of parties to which payments in this regard have been made;

(d) whether Government propose to discontinue the contract system; and

(e) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Inadequate supply of Coal to Uttar Pradesh Power Stations

*335. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of coal for the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board Power Stations;

(b) what linkage has been sanctioned by Government against the total requirement;

(c) whether adequate quantity of coal has been supplied to the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board power stations; and

(d) whether it is a fact that coal meant for power stations in Uttar Pradesh is diverted to other destinations, thereby forcing the power stations either to close down or resort to power cuts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Requirement of Coal for targetted generation of Electricity by Power Stations of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) for the year 1992-93 has